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SUBJECT: SILVEIRA'S COMMENTS ON GOB RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AND
URUGUAY

REF: BRASILIA 3079

1. COMMENTING TO PRESS AFTER MEETING WITH GEISEL JUNE 22 FONMIN
SILVEIRA SPOKE ABOUT GOB RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA.
ASKED ABOUT THE MEETING BETWEEN GEISEL AND URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT
MENDEZ NEXT MONTH, (WHICH PRESS REPORTS NOW SET FOR JULY 6 AND
7), SILVEIRA SAID HE CONSIDERED IT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE BECAUSE
URUGUAY IS MAJOR COMMERCIAL PARTNER OF BRAZIL WITH THE VOLUME OF
TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ABOUT \$150 MILLION.
SILVEIRA SAID THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD SIGN ACCORDS RELATED TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAGOA MIRIM REGION. WHEN A JOURNALIST SAID
THAT URUGUAY EXERCISED A PENDULAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRAZIL AND
ARGENTINA, SILVEIRA CLAIMED IT WAS
ERRONEOUS TO CHARACTERIZE EITHER URUGUAYAN OR PARAGUAYAN (REFTEL)
RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA AS PENDULAR. HE SAID SMALL
COUNTRIES HAD TO DEFEND THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST AND "I THINK...
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IT IS NATURAL THAT AT TIMES IN ACCORD WITH THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS
THEY LEAN IN ONE DIRECTION OR THE OTHER."

2. REGARDING ARGENTINA, SILVEIRA SAID NEITHER OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTRIES HAVE HAD ON THEIR AGENDAS PLANS FOR A MEETING BETWEEN
GEISEL AND VIDELA. SILVEIRA INDICATED THAT BEFORE THERE COULD BE
A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING IT WAS NECESSARY TO SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS

THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SO THAT THE CHIEFS OF STATE
COULD RATIFY THE SOLUTIONS. WHILE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR GEISEL
AND VIDELA TO EXCHANGE IDEAS, HE SAID, THEY COULD NOT IN 24 OR
48 HOURS RECONCILE BILATERAL PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT. URUGUAYAN MINISTER COUNSELOR BERTHET TOLD EMBOFF
JUNE 21 THAT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS WAS STILL NOT COMPLETELY
FIRM AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING BETWEEN THE GOB AND
GOU. BERTHET SAID THAT URUGUAY HAD MADE A CONCESSION BY HAVING ITS
PRESIDENT COME TO BRAZIL FOR TALKS, AS THE BRAZILIANS HAD INSISTED.
URUGUAY INTENDED TO EXTRACT SOME POLITICAL CONCESSION AS A QUID
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